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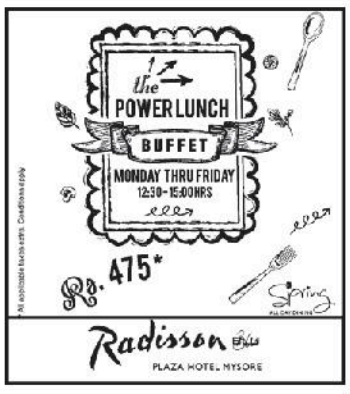

KERC holds public hearing in city

Consumers say NO to power tariff hike

FROM LEFT: ***KERC Member H.M. Manjunath, Chairman Shambhu Dayal Meena and another Member M.D. Ravi at the public hearing organised by the KERC at the DC's Office this morning.***

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RKB&BCT)- Power consumers cutting across various categories have urged the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) to reject the appeal filed by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) for a hike in power tariff.

At a public hearing organised by the KERC at the Court Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office this morning, representatives of various bodies including Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Mysore Industries Association (MIA), KIADB Industrial Area Manufacturers' Association (KIAMA), Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (HIEMA) and domestic consumers sought the dismissal of the CESC petition that seeks a hike of 130.9 paise (Rs. 1.30) per unit across categories.

The CESC has proposed an increase of Rs. 15 in fixed rates of all LT consumers (individual houses, shops, small offices and smaller manufacturing units) and Rs. 30 hike in fixed rates for HT consumers (bulk purchasers of electricity like industries, big manufacturing units, big offices, Universities and hostels).

CESC Managing Director Manohar M. Bevinamarad said that Rs. 6,024.12 crore is needed for 2021-2022 financial year and there is a shortfall of Rs. 1,005 crore. To set right the losses, the CESC needs to increase the tariffs up to 144.65 paise (Rs. 1.44) per unit.

CESC's social responsibility questioned

Responding to the presentation made by the CESC MD, President of MIA and former MLA Vasu took strong objections against the CESC appeal of increasing power tariff. "Where is your social responsibility in this time of pandemic and you have resorted to fleece consumers. All the industries are dying and the power tariff hike will be the final nail in the coffin," he said.

(See KERC on page 6)

Mysuru Mayoral polls

Voting from 12 noon on Feb.24

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (PM&DM)- With the Government announcing the date for Mayoral polls, the Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Revenue Division Dr. B.C. Prakash on Tuesday issued the notification on the schedule of Mysuru Mayoral polls to take place on Feb.24.

According to the notification, the polling process will commence with the filing of nomination papers from 8 am to 10 am on Feb. 24 at the MCC's Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall. The voting process will commence at 12 noon, with the scrutiny of nomination papers, following which some time will be given for withdrawal of nominations.

The voting, if necessary, will take place thereafter to elect the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Voting will take place only if more than one candidate remains in fray.

Sait meets S.R. Mahesh on alliance

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (MTY&DM)- With exactly a week to go for the Mayoral polls and still no clear signs of continuing their ruling alliance, Congress MLA Tanveer Sait met JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh this morning at his Office near Ramavilas Road and held discussions for more than an hour.

Later speaking to press persons, Sait said that he was very much hopeful of continuing alliance. Pointing out that both the parties had promised citizens on ruling MCC together for the full term following MCC elections in 2018, Sait said that it is important at this critical juncture that all secular forces stay united to keep communal forces at bay.

Refusing to divulge much details about the Congress strategy for Mayoral polls, Sait said that all Corporators will be meeting this evening. He said KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar is scheduled to meet former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy at Bengaluru tomorrow to discuss the alliance.

MLA S.R. Mahesh, who also spoke, said that JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda and former CM Kumaraswamy called him yesterday and asked him to elicit opinion of the party Corporators on Mayoral polls.

Accordingly, a meeting of JD(S) Corporators and local leaders will be held tomorrow, during which the opinion of each Corporator will be elicited and forwarded to party top brass.

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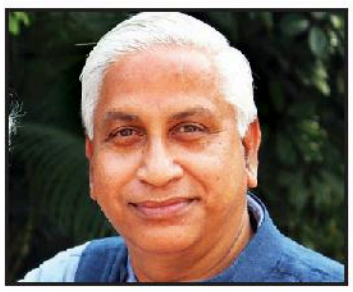
Former *SOM* Features Editor

Niranjan Nikam passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Senior Journalist and former Features Editor of *Star of Mysore* N. Niranjan Nikam (66) passed away at a Private Hospital here late last night following a heart attack.

A resident of Garudachar Layout in Vijayanagar Third Stage, he leaves behind his wife Dr. Pamela Sanath and a host of relatives and friends.

Former Chief of Bureau, *Deccan Herald* and former Consultant, University of Mysore Centenary Celebrations, Nikam had served as a Journalist at other publications also. In his earlier stint, he had worked as a reporter of *SOM* for several years.



N. Niranjan Nikam

Later on, after he retired, he joined *SOM* for a brief period as Features Editor.

He had brought out a number of Coffee-Table books, including *'One Hundred Years: University of Mysore, 1916-2016'* along with his wife Dr. Pamela Sanath.

Incidentally, Nikam had celebrated his 66th birthday just three days ago (Feb.14). He had special interest in the fields of Cinema, Literature, Theatre and the likes and had interviewed many noted actors, scientists, politicians and other well-known personalities in public life.

His body was kept for public viewing at his residence till today afternoon. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Adieu to a Sr. Journalist: N. Niranjan Nikam."*** **—Ed**

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 17th February 2021

Seminar on 'Bridal Makeup' held

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Mysuru Hair and Beauty Association (MHBA), a newly formed team of beauticians from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu, had organised a day-long seminar on 'Bridal Makeup' at a private hotel in city recently.

The seminar was conducted by celebrity makeup artiste Uma Jadav of Cosmos Makeup Studio and Academy, Mysuru, who is also the President of MHBA. She has done her Advance Makeup Course from Austria and is a National and State Awardee.

The seminar started with how to prepare the skin before starting the makeup, following which she taught how to do different bridal makeup styles such as Hindu bride, Muslim bride and Christian bride.

The selection of foundation according to the skin, the types of eye shadows to choose according to culture, some tips and tricks to follow during the bridal makeup was taught by Uma Jaday.

The seminar was attended by 125 beauticians from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

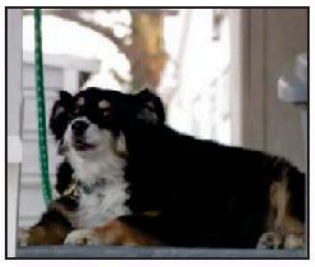
The fresh initiative by the Union Telecommunications Ministry to tackle pesky calls is welcome. Cracking down on such unwelcome calls, which are a source of great irritation to telecom subscribers, comes after earlier attempts like setting up the Do Not Disturb registry have been bypassed by telemarketers. With a large army of educated, unemployed youth cheaply feeding into the staffing needs of telemarketers, the number of pesky calls have multiplied manifold. In the absence of monetary penalties and other regulatory deterrence, there was no incentive on the part of telemarketers to change their ways.

The digital intelligence unit to investigate mobile frauds will also have its hands full. For one, the linkages between telemarketers and those fraudulently peddling financial products has to be more thoroughly investigated. The recent crackdown on mobile lending apps revealed that these used fully equipped call centres to act as collection agents to force debtors to repay.

On top of this there is today easy access to personal data, which makes it simple for telemarketers to commit financial fraud on gullible consumers, especially the elderly. A data protection law to prevent the leakage of consumer telecom and financial information in the possession of telecom and banking companies is also necessary. The new digital intelligence unit must effectively invoke penalties and choke telecom resources to those abusing teleconnectivity. Otherwise, there will be no end to this menace. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Late bizman's dog inherits 5 million dollars



Nashville: A Tennessee dog is now living a luxurious life after inheriting 5 million dollars from her late owner, who stipulated in his will that his money should go to his pet.

Lulu, an 8-year-old border collie, was named in the will of owner Bill Dorris, a Nashville businessman who died late last year at age 84.

Martha Burton, 88, a neighbor who often cared for Lulu while Dorris was away, was named as the canine's caretaker in Dorris' will, which states Burton will be reimbursed for "reasonable" monthly expenses.

The oval community gardens of Copenhagen

Naerum: The Naerum suburban district of Copenhagen, in Denmark, houses one of the most beautiful allotment gardens in the world – the "round gardens", which are actually oval.

Søren Carl Theodor Marius Sørensen is considered one of the greatest landscape architects to have ever lived and the oval gardens of Naerum are one of his most famous projects. In 1948, 40 oval allotment gardens, each measuring approximately 25 × 15 m, were laid out on a rolling lawn, between public housing on one side and more traditional allotments on the other. Owners were free to position their cottages, select the surrounding hedges, and lay out the interior of their plots, but Sørensen provided some directions, stressing that they were meant as a guide, not rules. Seven decades later, the oval gardens of Naerum are still one of the most beautiful attractions in the Danish capital. Initially, Sørensen envisioned the landscaping project as a regular grid of ovals spread across the lawn, but this eventually gave way to a looser arrangement of the plots and a more dynamic look.

HEALTH CAPSULE

SITTING IS THE NEW SMOKING.

Prolonged sitting can be harmful for health., especially at the desk or in front of screen.

Make simple changes like walking while talking over phone, standing while watching television can go great way to prevent ill effects of prolonged sitting.

By Dr. Sasirekha - Consultant Interventional Cardiology

COLUMBIA ASIA

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Among the most contaminated of all fish are sharks, since they eat fish that are already contaminated with mercury. Other fish with high contamination levels are: Swordfish, mackerel, tilefish, albacore tuna and tuna steaks.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 15	FEB. 16
Day's Positive Cases	10	12
Total Positive Cases	53,793	53,805
Day's Discharges	30	43
Total Discharges	52,555	52,598
Day's Deaths	0	2
Total Deaths	1,026	1,028
Total Active Cases	211	178

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Photojournalists Association comes into existence in Mysuru

Pragathi Gopalakrishna *Sriram*

Mysuru, Feb.17- Mysuru Photojournalists Association has come into existence, with the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) as its mother body. The Association, which is formed for the welfare of Photojournalists and their family members and to find solutions for their problems, is recognised by Karnataka State Press Photographers Association.

The following have been elected unopposed as the office-bearers of the Association:

Pragathi Gopalakrishna-President; Anurag Basavaraj-Vice-President; M.A.Sriram-Secretary; Nagesh Panathale-Treasurer. **Directors-** K. H. Chandru, Hampa Nagaraj, S. R. Madhusudhan, A.Nandan and B.R.Savitha. **Members:** M.N. Lakshminarayan Yadav, S. Udayashankar and A. Krishnoji Rao.

REALLY...?

- ***The ancient Romans often used stale urine as mouthwash: Although this sounds pretty nasty, urine contains ammonia, which is actually one of the best natural cleaning agents around! The liquid gold became so in-demand that Romans who traded in it actually had to pay a tax!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mulla Nasrudin sat fishing in a bucket of water. A visitor, wishing to be friendly, asked, "How many have you caught?" "YOU ARE THE NINTH," said Nasrudin !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs.101.11
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.83
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.04

VOICE OF THE READER

Server down and missing staff in MysuruOne Offices

Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of the concerned that we've been experiencing a lot of hardship to avail services in *MysuruOne* Offices these days.

MysuruOne once called a one-stop-solution for all our needs related to the Government works has now become a highly irresponsible place similar to other Government Departments.

Mostly, there will be a repeated Server issue and the staff ask us to revisit later. Another issue is that some of the staff members go on an unplanned leave and others are burdened, due to which they stop certain services on that particular day, citing this reason of absence.

It happened to me when I visited the *MysuruOne* Office on Seshadri Iyer Road a few days ago to apply for a Ration Card. The staff member concerned was absent and I was told to come on a later date.

This kind of behaviour from the staff is unacceptable.

I hope the authorities concerned will look into the above issues and solve them at the earliest.

—Nihad
Sawday Road, Mysuru
14.2.2021

Pedestrian Crossing at Panchavati Circle: A herculean task

Sir,

At any point of time, it is very difficult for the pedestrians to cross Kalidasa Road, especially at the section from Panchavati Circle to Chandrakala Hospital. The two-wheelers and three-wheelers zoom past the pedestrians making the road crossing a herculean task.

Now this section of the road is due for asphalting after laying of the pipes. Hope the authorities concerned will mitigate the woes faced by the pedestrians, especially the senior citizens, by fixing a couple of "elevated pedestrian crossings" from Panchavati Circle towards Chandrakala Hospital.

— K. Chandrahas
on e-mail
Mysuru
15.2.2021

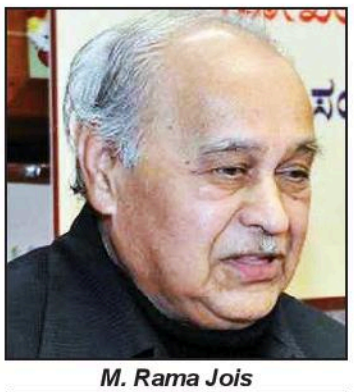
Prof. N.S. Taranath to chair Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at H.D. Kote

Prof. Taranath

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Senior writer and University of Mysore Kannada faculty Prof. N.S. Taranath has been selected to chair the two-day 18th Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Sammelana to take place at H.D. Kote on Feb. 23 and 24.

The two-day sammelana will take place at the Government PU College premises in H.D. Kote town, according to District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna.

Jurist and former Governor Rama Jois passes away


M. Rama Jois

Bengaluru, Feb.17- Noted Jurist and former Governor of Bihar and Jharkhand M. Rama Jois (89) passed away here on Tuesday, following brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

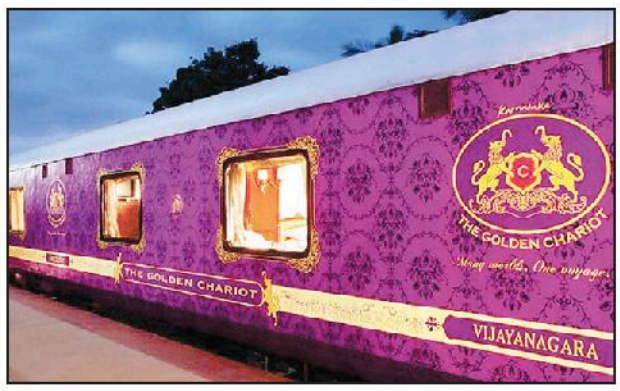
Mandagadde Rama Jois was born at Araga in Shivamogga District in 1931 and studied Law in Shivamogga and Bengaluru.

He enrolled as an advocate in 1959. During the Emergency, Jois was imprisoned along with BJP stalwarts Atal Bihari Vajpayee, L.K. Advani and other leaders in Bengaluru Central Jail.

Known for his legal acumen, he was appointed as a Judge of the Karnataka High Court in 1977 and later elevated as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court in 1992.

After retirement, Jois identified himself with the BJP and was picked as the Governor of Bihar and Jharkhand (2002-2004) by the then NDA Government headed by Vajpayee. In 2008, he was elected to the Rajya Sabha. He also served as a Counsel for Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP).

After a two-year break...
Golden Chariot to chug from Mar. 14



Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RK&BCT)- After a two-year break, luxury on wheels — The Golden Chariot — will chug again from March 14 and March 21 under two opulent packages — 'Pride of Karnataka' and 'Jewels of South'. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has given a new lease of life to the train.

Popularly called 'Palace-on-Wheels', the marketing and operations of the luxury train was handed over to IRCTC in November 2019 after the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) signed a 10-year agreement with IRCTC. Earlier, the train incurred a loss of Rs. 41 crore due to low occupancy rates and the Government had halted the train.

Now, the IRCTC has taken the train under its wings and all its 18 luxurious coaches have been given a makeover with new interiors at Ashokapuram Railway Workshop in Mysuru. Now the interiors are plusher and all the earlier furniture has been replaced. The vestibule (passage between the two coaches) has been made seamless all along the coaches and the train is packed with new attractions. Its iconic purple exterior has been retained and motif decoration has been made more meaningful by including *Yakshagana Kirita* (headgear). The yellow band running across the train will explain tourist monuments.

The Golden Chariot will set off on a fresh journey from the Yeshwanthpur Railway Station from March 14. The IRCTC has launched bookings and released brochures, detailing the packages. Tariffs range from Rs. 3.20 lakh for couples and Rs. 2.40 lakh for single occupancy. There is a 50 percent discount on booking as inaugural offer.

The 'Pride of Karnataka' (6 nights and 7 days from March 14) takes the travellers from Bengaluru to Bandipur, Mysuru, Halebid, Chikkamagalur, Hampi, Badami and Goa and back to Bengaluru. The 'Jewels of South' (6 nights and 7 days from March 21) will take travellers on an epicurean journey from Bengaluru to Mysuru, Hampi, Mahabalipuram, Thanjavur, Chettinad, Kochi, Kumarakom and back to Bengaluru.

Launched in 2008 by KSTDC, the train was facing decreased patronage over the years and the occupancy rate was only 30 to 35 percent on an average. Added to the burden was the high haulage charge by the Indian Railways and the KSTDC was paying between Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 55 lakh per trip as haulage charges to the Railways.

Now revenue sharing between IRCTC and Railways has been fixed at 56:44. After March-April package, the next Golden Chariot season will start from October.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will take up 4th quarterly maintenance works tomorrow (Feb. 18), power supply will be disrupted in the following areas:

66/11 KV Doddakere Maidana Power Distribution Centre (10 and 5 pm): Ramanuja Road, Hosabandikeri, JSS Hospital, Agrahara, Basaveshwara Road, around Chamundipuram, Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Nazarbad, Ittigegud, around Zoo, Government Guest House and surrounding areas, Taluk Office, D. Devaraj Urs Road, B.N. Road, Chamundi Hill, Siddarathanagar, areas around Alanahalli, Giridarshini Layout, around Palace, Sriharsha Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road and surrounding areas, Dhanvantri Road and areas around Shivarampet.

66/11 KV T. Narasipur Power Distribution Centre (9 am to 6 pm): T. Narasipur town, Kiragasur, T. Doddapur, Hemmige, Benakanahalli, Muthalavadi, Sosle villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

CESC public contact meeting

CESC has organised a public contact meeting for consumers coming under Hootagalli Sub-Division at the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Hootagalli Sub-Division, CESC, tomorrow (Feb. 18) at 11 am. The Superintending Engineer (SE)/ Executive Engineer (EE), V.V. Mohalla, will preside. Public can air their grievances related to CESC and find solutions, according to a press release from V.V. Mohalla Division EE P. Chikkasiddegowda.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	112.53 feet
Yesterday	:	112.91 feet
Inflow	:	324 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,866 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.04 feet
Inflow	:	126 cusecs
Outflow	:	525 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.02 feet
Inflow	:	58 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

Shivarathri, Ugadi Rathotsava to be held at M.M. Hills: Minister Suresh Kumar

Sharp decline in COVID-19 cases; but safety protocols in place

Chamarajanagar, Feb. 17 (SSV)- In the wake of sharp slide in COVID-19 cases, the State Government has shown the green flag to hold Shivarathri and Ugadi *Rathotsava* at Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Chamarajanagar district.

This was decided at a preliminary meeting held here on Feb. 15 under the Chairmanship of Primary and Secondary Education Minister and District Minister S. Suresh Kumar.

Speaking at the meeting, the Minister said that Maha Shivarathri *Jathra* will be held from Mar. 10 to Mar. 14 and *Maha Rathotsava* on Mar. 14. While Ugadi *Jathra* will take place from Apr. 9 to Apr. 13, Ugadi *Maha Rathotsava* will take place on Apr. 13. Officials have been asked to make adequate preparations for both events.

As part of four-day jathra celebrations, there would be Yenne Majjana, Amavasya special puja and Rathotsava. Around four lakh pilgrims are expected to participate in these two events and COVID-19 safety protocols should be strictly observed. The number of devotees to be allowed to participate in these two religious events will be discussed with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who is also the Chairman of M.M. Hills Area Development Authority. However, there will be no curbs on holding jathra, he added..

OTHER DECISIONS

- To give snacks containing a sweet to devotees since there has been ban on mass feeding as per COVID-19 guidelines.
- Deploy 200 Home Guards along with Police on security duty
- Bathing arrangements for devotees
- Address mobile tower problems on priority
- Lighting arrangements at the main temple

Focus on basic facilities

Suresh Kumar directed the District officers to give priority for basic facilities, cleanliness, toilets, drinking water at the hill shrine. Illumination should be done everywhere as usual and 24x7 power supply must be ensured.

Hanur MLA R. Narendra asked the Development Authority to make all preparations in connection with the *jathra* celebrations. Besides, every Department must complete its task in given time.

No meals, but only snacks

Jayavibhavaswamy, Secretary, M.M. Hills Area Development Authority, said no private bus, trucks, goods auto and goods tempo will be allowed to the hill top during Shivarathri *Jathra*. They will be allowed till Talabetta, where they should be parked. From Talabetta to M.M. Hills, 25 KSRTC buses will run to pick up and drop passengers. This is being held to check traffic chaos on the hill top. "Every year we were preparing 4 lakh laddus and this year we will distribute 50,000 laddus on each day during the five-day *Jathra Mahotsava*," he added.

Additional Deputy Commissioner S. Katyayinidevi, Superintendent of Police Divya Sara Thomas, Assistant Commissioner Dr. Girish Dileep Badole, Additional Superintendent of Police Anitha B. Haddannavar, Tahsildhars Nagaraju and K. Kumar, District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. M.C. Ravi, Deputy Secretary of Chamarajanagar Zilla Panchayat Dr. Dharanesh, Salur Mutt Seer, Deputy Conservator of Forests Edukondalu, KSRTC Divisional Controller Srinivas, Director of District Urban Development Cell K. Suresh and others were present.

Lorry strike on Feb. 26

Bengaluru, Feb. 17- In an expression of support to the nationwide stir called by Trader and Merchant Unions, lorry owners have called for a strike on Feb. 26.

Addressing press persons here on Feb. 15, Karnataka Lorry Owners Association President Shanmugappa said that more than 10 lakh traders and merchants across the country will shut shop on Feb. 26 in protest against GST E-Way Bill Policy.

Accordingly, the Association has called for a lorry strike on Feb. 26 in support of the traders, he said.

Expressing concern over rising fuel prices, he said that the Association will consult all other transport organisations on launching an indefinite stir after Mar. 3 in protest against rising fuel prices, which has badly hit the transport industry. However, a clear picture on the nature of nationwide lorry strike will emerge after the talks, he added.

Dr. M.R. Ravi to continue as Chamarajanagar DC ?

Chamarajanagar, Feb. 17- Just two days after it ordered the transfer of Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. M.R. Ravi, along with 41 other IAS officers, the State Government on Monday is said to have directed Dr. B.C. Sateesha, who was posted as the new Chamarajanagar DC, not to take charge.

Dr. M.R. Ravi

Dr. Ravi, who took charge as Chamarajanagar DC just a year ago (Jan. 30, 2020), was transferred as the Additional Director of Sakala Mission at Bengaluru on Feb. 13.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the transfer order of Dr. M.R. Ravi is likely to be cancelled and a revised order asking him to continue as Chamarajanagar DC will most probably be issued, according to sources.

S. Aswathi takes charge as Mandya Deputy Commissioner

Mandya, Feb. 17- IAS officer S. Aswathi took charge as the new Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mandya from outgoing DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh here on Monday.

Speaking after handing over charge, Dr. Venkatesh, who has been appointed as the Commissioner for Watershed Development at Bengaluru, said that he had served in Mandya district for 18 months and he was thankful to all his sub-ordinates for their co-operation.

New DC S. Aswathi said that the outgoing DC Dr. Venkatesh has apprised her of the problems and issues bothering Mandya district. Pointing out that she will continue the programme started by the outgoing DC, Aswathi said that she will make all efforts for the all-round development of the district.

Additional DC Shylaja, Information Officer Harish and others were present.

Cow slaughter ban: Role of Police crucial, says Minister

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (YDS& BCT)- Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan said that the punishment and fine for slaughtering cattle have been increased under the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, 2020.

"The role of Police in enforcing the law becomes crucial," he said while speaking to reporters at the DC Office in city yesterday after a review meeting of his Department. "There was a law banning cow slaughter in the State. We have brought in an amendment to the already existing Act," he said, accusing the Opposition of spreading misinformation. "We have brought in a few changes to save cattle," he clarified.

He directed the Police and officials from the Animal Husbandry Department to initiate measures to check illegal transportation of cattle in border areas. "Farmers are happy as we are protecting the cows. Only the Congress party is having a problem on the decision taken by us," Chauhan said.

"The responsibility of the Police has gone up with the Act. If the Animal Husbandry Department and the Police work together, illegal transportation and slaughter of the cattle in Mysuru can be stopped," he said and directed officials to deploy one veterinary officer at each inter-State checkpost to stop illegal transportation of cattle to slaughterhouses.

On what farmers were supposed to do with their aged cattle, following the ban, the Minister claimed that there are around 188 private cow shelters in the State and the Government will be funding these shelters to look after the aged cattle.

Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan, who performed Go Puja at Mysore Pinjrapole Society yesterday, is seen feeding jaggery to cattle.

On the reports of farmers abandoning bulls in cattle fairs, he said that the Department staff should look into the matter and convince the farmers to look after the animals for at least three months until the cow shelters come up across all the districts.

Beef to Zoo

The Minister said that he has not received any representation seeking permission for the Zoos to obtain beef as procuring chicken and mutton for their carnivores in the wake of cow slaughter ban had increased their expenditure. "I have not received any communication on this. No Zoo has approached me. If they do, it will be discussed and suitable steps will be taken," he said.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth, ADC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, DCP (Crime & Traffic) Geetha Prasanna, Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, Animal Husbandry Department Joint Director Dr. Prasad Murthy, Deputy Director Dr. Madappa and others were present.

The Minister later visited Mysore Pinjrapole Society at the foot of Chamundi Hill and performed *puja* to cows. The century-old Society, which has sheltered over 5,000 rescued cattle, has a capacity to shelter a total of 10,000 cattle at a time.

Mysore Pinjrapole Society Chairman P. Umedraj Singhvi and Vice-Chairman B. Hansraj Pagariya told the Minister that the Mysore Pinjrapole Society is probably the first of its kind in India, when it was started in the 1920s. The Minister lauded the Society's efforts in saving the lives of cattle.

Suspected gangrape and murder: Lashkar Police arrest five persons

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RK&KS)- Lashkar Police have arrested five persons on suspicion of committing gangrape and murder of a woman, whose body was found near Benki Nawab Street in Lashkar Mohalla on Monday night at about 11.45. The woman is aged between 35 and 40 years.

The Police, who launched a hunt late night, found four persons drunk and sleeping on the cross road of Benki Nawab Street and took them into custody for questioning, during which the Cops came to know the four persons along with another had raped the woman before killing her.

Lashkar Inspector Suresh Kumar, who had registered a case, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem and had launched a hunt to nab the other accused involved in the crime. The Cops finally arrested the accused yesterday afternoon behind Old RMC. All the five accused are labourers, daily wagers and loaders, who used to sleep on footpaths in Chamundeshwari Theatre surroundings.

Police sources said that one of the accused is a minor and all the five is suspected to have raped the woman in drunken stupor and strangled her to death. As there is no clarity in the case, the names of the accused cannot be revealed, sources added.

Police said that, CCTV footages show that a group of four persons were like fighting with each other, but the visuals are not clear. The identification of the deceased woman is not known and even the accused were not providing clear information about the incident, the Police added.

Based on the clues from the spot, a case of rape and murder has been registered and a clear picture would be known only after receiving the post-mortem report, Police sources said.

Sexual assault on dog: Youth arrested

Mysuru, Feb. 17- V.V. Puram Police have arrested a youth on charges of indulging in unnatural sex with a stray dog. Based on the complaint from K.B. Harish, Animal Welfare Officer at People For Animals (PFA) on Monday, V.V. Puram Police, who have registered a case under IPC Section 373 (Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960), arrested the youth. The accused is 19-year-old Somashekar, a resident of MCC Colony in Gokulam.

On Feb. 11 at about 9.45 pm, the youth was found sexually assaulting a stray dog near Ganapati Temple Main Road in Gokulam 3rd Stage and a passerby had recorded the act on his mobile phone. He had sent the video to K.B. Harish, who in turn, based on the video proof, lodged a Police complaint.

Based on the video, V.V. Puram Inspector Arun, who arrested the accused, interrogated him and produced him before a Magistrate, who remanded the accused to judicial custody.

Chain snatched in city

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RK&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a woman, who was returning home after purchasing milk from a nearby shop this morning.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 55-year-old Savithramma, a resident of Navilu Road in Kuvempunagar here. Savithramma had gone to a shop near her house and was returning home with milk, when two bike-borne chain-snatchers yanked off her 30 grams gold chain and sped away.

Due to pulling of chain, Savithramma fell on the ground, suffered bruises on her hands and legs and was treated at a private hospital. Kuvempunagar Inspector Raju and Garuda Police personnel, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar besides registering a case and are looking for footages of CCTV cameras installed in the area.

Following information from Kuvempunagar Police, City Police have barricaded many roads in city and are checking two-wheelers.

Woman missing

Yasmin

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (KS)- A woman, who left her house on Feb. 13 at about 10 am, has since gone missing.

The missing woman is Yasmin, wife of Syed Abbas and a resident of Rajivnagar. Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Bike rider killed in self-accident

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RK&DM)- A 40-year-old bike rider was killed on the spot when the motorcycle he was riding skidded near Lingadevara Koppalu on Mysuru-Hunsur Road last evening.

The deceased has been identified as Raju (40), son of late Siddegowda and a resident of Huyilalu in Mysuru taluk.

Raju, who was a garment worker, was returning home travelling on Mysuru-Hunsur Road at about 5.45 pm after finishing work yesterday, when a woman suddenly appeared on the road near Lingadevara Koppalu. Raju, in a bid to avoid hitting the woman, applied the brakes suddenly, when the vehicle reportedly skidded. Raju, who sustained severe injuries due to the impact of the fall, died on the spot, it is learnt.

The jurisdictional V.V. Puram Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

Two commit suicide

Mysuru, Feb.17 (RK&DM)- Two persons committed suicide in city in the last two days.

In the first incident, Pavan (26), son of Raghava and a resident of 5th Main, J.P. Nagar, ended his life by hanging self from a room of his house on Monday evening.

Pavan, who was married, is said to have taken this extreme step as he was deeply disappointed with his wife, who had gone for maternity at her maternal home at Shirangala in Somwarpet of Kodagu, did not return even after nearly a year. The jurisdictional Vidyaranyapuram Police have registered a case.

In the second incident, Ravi (21), son of Durganna and a resident of C.V. Road in Mandi Mohalla, ended life by hanging self at a room of his house yesterday when nobody was in the house.

The reason for the extreme step is yet to be ascertained, according to Mandi Police, who have registered a case.

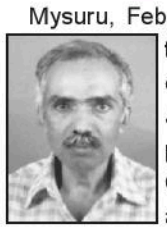
Body found

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (MK&KS)- KR Police, on Monday, have found a body of an unidentified person at a private place at the foot of Chamundi Hill and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 50 and 55 years and the Police have urged the kith and kin and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Police on Ph: 0821-2418519/ 119/ 339.

Obituary

Rudramurthy



Mysuru, Feb. 17- Rudramurthy (69), former employee of Ideal Jawa and Proprietor of Murthy Canteen, passed away this morning.

A resident of 5th Main, Bannimantap 'C' Layout, Hanumanthanagar, near Anjaneyaswamy Temple, he leaves behind his wife and two sons. Last rites were held today in city.

B.S. Umesh Kumar

B.S. Umesh Kumar (68), President of Sri Chikka Anjaneyaswamy Temple Seva Samithi on Thyagaraja Road in K.R. Mohalla, passed away on Sunday.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter and a son. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here on Monday.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Adieu to a Sr. Journalist: N. Niranjan Nikam

I have heard death always comes stealthily. In the death of N. Niranjan Nikam, a familiar name among journalists in our city, who died last night, death came, without an iota of doubt, very much stealthily.

I got a Forwarded message about this most unexpected and deeply disturbing news early this morning. I usually doubt the credibility of this kind of Forwarded messages, but this one I shared with my wife who too was sceptical. After all, Niranjan was with me in my office in the forenoon, just a week back spending more than half-an-hour.

He was, as was his wont, concerned about my health during these pandemic days. Anyway, it was only when my son told me that he got the bad news around 2 am from Niranjan's wife Pam (Pamela Sanath) that I believed Niranjan's final adieu to all of us.

Niranjan was wanting to see me for the last more than one month and was seeking an appointment which I avoided as I was not meeting people, though going to office, due to COVID-19 protocol (specially for the aged). Yet, he was persistent and I gladly yielded. He was one and the only journalist that I loved to be with and interact because, despite many issues between us, we gelled well together. God's good man, pleasing in manners and understanding of his fellow journalists and even bosses. I was his boss for some years when he joined *Star of Mysore* after his brother Girish Nikam left for a greener pasture in Bangalore and later in Delhi.

I have written about these Nikam Brothers in my book, brought out on the 40th anniversary of *Star of Mysore*, titled *"Star of Mysore: Story of a unique evening english newspaper."* It was not quite complimentary to them in parts. But I must say that young people in pursuit of a career do often act in haste and blunder — both in their professional and personal life. Let it be.

When Niranjan met me in my office at last, he was sharing his plans to settle his properties, an apartment at Bengaluru etc., and his Plan A and Plan B for a retired life with his wife Pam. I was pleased with his forethought. Alas, man proposes and God disposes.

N. Niranjan Nikam

I must mention here his immense love for Rahul Gandhi whom, he said, he wished to see as the Prime Minister of India. "Alleluia!" I said and changed the subject to the future of print media etc. For me it has always been engaging and interesting to keep talking to Niranjan though we might not agree on many issues of national importance.

He was a Secularist, so am I. But his Secularism was of the present Left-Liberals whom our Prime Minister Narendra Modi described as *Andolanjeevis!* When he left my office, it was with an invitation to breakbread together over a drink. I readily agreed and even gave him a possible time — March or April. Again, Niranjan proposed but God disposed!

Niranjan's company was so compatible for me I used to take him with me to functions, interviews and reporting. I had even taken him to Delhi once where his brother Girish Nikam was working for *Times of India Group*. It was a memorable visit as Nikam's brother took great care of me, even pampered me with their hospitality. I left Delhi after I finished my work, while Niranjan stayed back. While there, Niranjan and myself took a taxi, went to Chandigarh, visited Rock Garden and other places and then went to Shimla for two nights and three days. He was too good a company and too helpful to me.

For many years, he was out of Mysuru because of his profession, but whenever he came to Mysuru he would call me and even pay a courtesy visit. That goes to his credit as a good Public Relations (PR) man. More than a journalist, he would have been a good PR man in any corporate organisation, I guess.

When his father died I wrote about him in this column, though I knew him only in a casual way. His was an inter-religion marriage and was a harmonious one, from what Niranjan told me. Niranjan was so pleased with that *Abracadabra,* he said, he had got it framed and preserved it.

With his brother Girish pursuing further education in Mumbai (Criminology), Niranjan, despite his academic interest, joined his father's handicrafts shop to assist him after graduation. That was how life plays with individuals. When the shop was closed, Niranjan sought a journalist's job as he had the gift of the gab and also skill to write in English. That was how or that was why, probably, he thought he could fill the void created by the departure of his brother Girish from *Star of Mysore*. And I was only too happy to take him as a reporter and as one for interviewing English knowing VIPs.

He had served *Star of Mysore* well during those days till he left for greener pastures like his brother before. Thank you.

Now, RIP dear Niranjan.

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Minister inaugurates Rs. 2.78 crore Veterinary Multi-Speciality Hospital

Mysuru, Feb.17 (RK&DM)- State Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan inaugurated the Veterinary Multi-Speciality Hospital on Dhanvanthri road here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Multi-Speciality Veterinary Hospital will be a 24x7 Hospital — polyclinic for treating all kinds of animals including cattle heads, goats, sheep, horses, dogs, monkeys, birds and other domestic and pet animals, when they fall sick.

Pointing out that the existing Veterinary Hospital has been upgraded to Multi-Speciality Hospital at a cost of Rs.2.78 crore, he said that the Hospital has a built up area of 11,620 sq.ft, having 18 rooms meant for surgeries, medicine dispensary, gynaecology and cardiac care, ortho, x-ray, scanning and other care facilities for animals.

Maintaining that the Hospital has been equipped with advanced veterinary medical equipment, Chauhan said that the Hospital also has a Semen Storage Unit, a Polyclinic, a huge Liquid Nitrogen Cylinder and other supplementary facilities.

Highlighting the measures taken by the Government for animal care, the Minister said that there are plans to construct such Multi-Speciality Hospitals in Bengaluru, Belagavi and Tumakuru Divisions as well and measures will be taken to construct own building for Veterinary Hospitals in all districts of the State.

Referring to vacancies in Animal Husbandry Department, Chauhan said that there are 52 percent vacant posts in the Department and he would discuss the issue with the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister.

Asserting that the Government is effectively implementing Pashu Sanjeevini Scheme for animal care (Ambulance Services and Helpline), he maintained that there is reason behind the introduction of Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill, which envisages a ban on all forms of cattle slaughter.

MLA L. Nagendra, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, Corporator Pramila Bharath, Animal Husbandry Department Deputy Directors Dr. K.P. Ravikumar and Dr. Madappa, Assistant Director Dr. S.C. Suresh and other officials were present.

KERC holds public hearing

(Continued from page 1)

Terming the hike sought as 'unjustified' for small scale industries, he argued that they are subjected to load shedding and unscheduled interruptions, resulting in loss of man hours and production. Vasu urged the KERC not to yield to CESC demands and retain the existing tariff structures in the larger interest of power consumers.

K. Ravindra Prabhu, Vice President of KIADB Industrial Area Manufacturers Association argued against the petition filed by CESC. "It is an anti-industry, anti-people and unjustified move. CESC has been using the revenue collection from consumers to pay the interest burden of capital expansion and it has proposed to purchase energy at exorbitant rates as high as Rs. 8.51 to Rs. 12.81 per unit from its own and Central Government power-generating companies," he alleged.

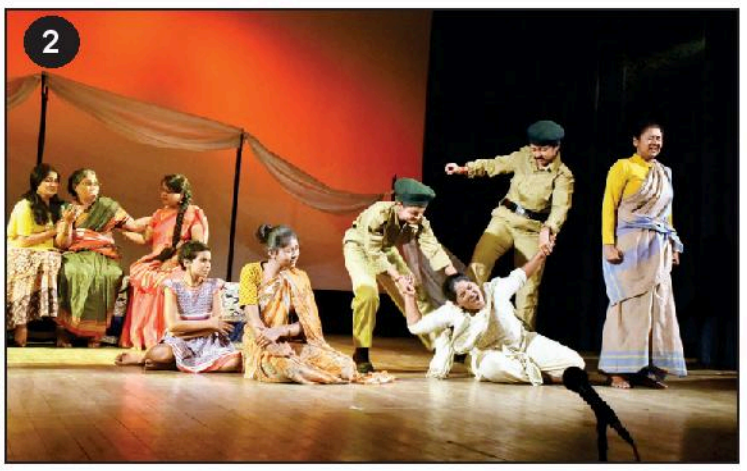
KERC Chairman and retired IAS Officer Shambhu Dayal Meena, accompanied by Members M.D. Ravi and H.M. Manjunath, heard the power consumers. KERC Directors Prabhakar Rao, H.M. Uma and Secretary Rekha were present.

Every year, Electricity Supply Companies (ESComs) have to approach the KERC for a revision of tariff. Once the petitions are received from all ESComs, the KERC fixes the date for public hearings.

Today, the hearing was held in Mysuru region for consumers of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu. KERC will send a proposal to the State Government with its recommendations after completing all the public hearing of other ESComs.

Sanchalana women's theatre camp concludes

Camp participants to re-stage play 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' today



Pic. 1: ***Retd. Director of Kannada & Culture N.R. Vishu Kumar addressing the gathering on day-1 of the two-day valedictory of women's theatre training camp, organised by Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru, at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises last evening. Others seen are Theatre Camp Director Deepak Mysore of Sanchalana, poetess and Besagarahalli Ramanna Pratishtana President Sujatha, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa and playwright Belur Raghunandan.*** *Pic. 2:* ***Sanchalana women's theatre troupe staging Belur Raghunandan's play 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' [Direction: Deepak Mysore] yesterday. The play will be re-staged at 6 pm today (Feb. 17) at the same venue in the presence of senior theatre artiste-actress-singer and former Rajya Sabha Member Dr. B. Jayashree, Archaeology Museums and Heritage Department Commissioner B.R. Poornima, 93.5 Red FM RJ Rashmi, Theatre Camp Director Deepak Mysore and Government High School Teacher H.S. Sharada.*** *Pic. 3:* ***Theatre Camp Director Deepak Mysore conducting one of the sessions of 'Samara Kale' during the theatre camp on Feb. 10.***

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In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka describes about the mannerisms of rabbits and more

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Do rabbit get jealous of other rabbits?

No matter how many rabbits you live with, they must be considered part of the family. If your rabbits don't feel like they're a priority, they'll become jealous of each other, or your spouse or children. Rabbits demand attention, and will act out if they don't receive it.

Are rabbits more intelligent than cats?

Rabbits have strikingly distinctive personalities. They can be as playful and silly as puppies or kittens, as independent and fascinating as cats, or as loyal and openly affectionate as dogs. And long-time rabbit owners claim that domestic rabbits are, in their own way, every bit as smart as cats and dogs.

Are rabbits high or low maintenance?

Rabbits are high maintenance and require daily care. Most pets, in fact, also need daily care, but rabbits are much more sensitive to changes than the average pet. It takes a daily commitment to make sure a rabbit is in good health, has unlimited hay and water, and a clean cage.

Where do they fall on pet intelligence spectrum?

Rabbits are intelligent. They can get bored. Most rabbits learn to understand certain words, phrases, or commands, but don't expect them to obey you every time, because their intelligence also propels them to make their own decisions. You need to know what motivates them at that time.

What are their common mannerisms?

The key to a happy rabbit is companionship, lots of space to run around and a bolt hole to retreat to. In this way, they are very close to their wild cousins still. In the right environment, rabbits reveal their true nature — intelligent, affectionate and often cheeky! Rabbits are wonderful companions and are increasingly being kept as free range, indoor pets (house rabbits). Every rabbit is different and discovering your rabbit's own unique personality is one of the great joys of rabbit ownership.

Which one makes a better pet. Male or female?

Males are slightly more outgoing than females. Because rabbits have such distinct individual personalities, however, it's impossible to conclude that one sex always makes better pets than the other.

Is raising a rabbit as a pet legal in India?

Yes, it is absolutely legal to raise a rabbit as a pet in India.

How to keep a baby rabbit from screaming?

Screaming, or loud squealing sounds, exactly like a small child's scream. Some rabbits will never scream, but many will do so at least once in a lifetime. If your rabbit screams, offer immediate comfort and stay close for a few hours.

Why do rabbits dig holes and fill it with grass and then fill it with dirt?

Rabbits dig holes and fill them with leaves, fur or twigs. This makes their holes almost invisible for their predators, and for you! They like to sit in them to feel safe and secure. They also dig holes and fill them to hide their babies.

Should I keep my rabbit in a cage?

Keeping any animal, especially small animals like birds, mice and rabbits, in a cage is wrong. The rabbit must not be caged. But he should have a place of his own where he can retreat to, and if you make a cage that he likes then he can go there when he wants.

Does a rabbit [both baby and adult] knows the limit of their eating?

Rabbits do register being full. They can't throw up, however, so if they eat something bad for them, they're stuck with it until it passes through their system. They are supposed to eat hay, more or less constantly, to keep their digestive system moving.

Can I keep 2 male rabbits together and of the same age?

A pair of male rabbits may work together well, but male and female pairings may be more successful as long as both of the animals are neutered and spayed.

Are rabbits easy to train?

Rabbits are very intelligent, social animals that can be trained quite easily.

Unfortunately, many humans fail to train their rabbits, either because they use the wrong approach, or they don't spend enough time on training.

Training rabbits to follow commands:

1. Devote plenty of time to training: Two or three short sessions of 5 to 10 minutes at a time will keep your bunny interested in learning.

2. Use your rabbit's favourite treats: Since training is based on incentives, you'll need to find a treat that provides the most positive response.

3. Get your rabbit in position for training: Stage your training in the area and situation where and when you will want the behaviour to occur. For example, if you want to teach your rabbit to jump up on your lap when called, first put it near the couch.

4. Have a plan: Start simple. Carefully plan what you want your rabbit to perform and break that task down into small steps. You reward the rabbit after completing each new step. Once the rabbit is performing the task with regularity and confidence, give the command a name.

How do rabbits like to be petted / held?

It's important to remember that rabbits are prey animals. Prey animals interact with their environment very differently than predators like cats and dogs. In general, rabbits do not like to be picked up. The act of bending over them and grabbing them, by their ribs to pick them up, is very similar to being picked up by a hawk. They generally like to sit beside, rather than being held.

Do rabbits respond to their name the same way as a dog or cat?

Yes. Rabbits can understand their names and some other short, simple words. Some rabbits are smarter than others and can understand more words, but generally speaking, all rabbits will eventually learn their own names and may respond to you when you call.

Do rabbits snuggle?

Most rabbits love to be cuddled and stroked when approached in the right way. Few like being held or carried, as being so high up from the ground makes them feel insecure, however, many will happily sit on your lap or snuggle up next to you for a cuddle. Avoid disturbing your rabbit when it is sleeping.

How do pet rabbits show affection?

Rabbits show affection by grooming, so if your rabbits gently nuzzle, lick, and perhaps even try to nibble you gently, they are showing you that they love and care for you.

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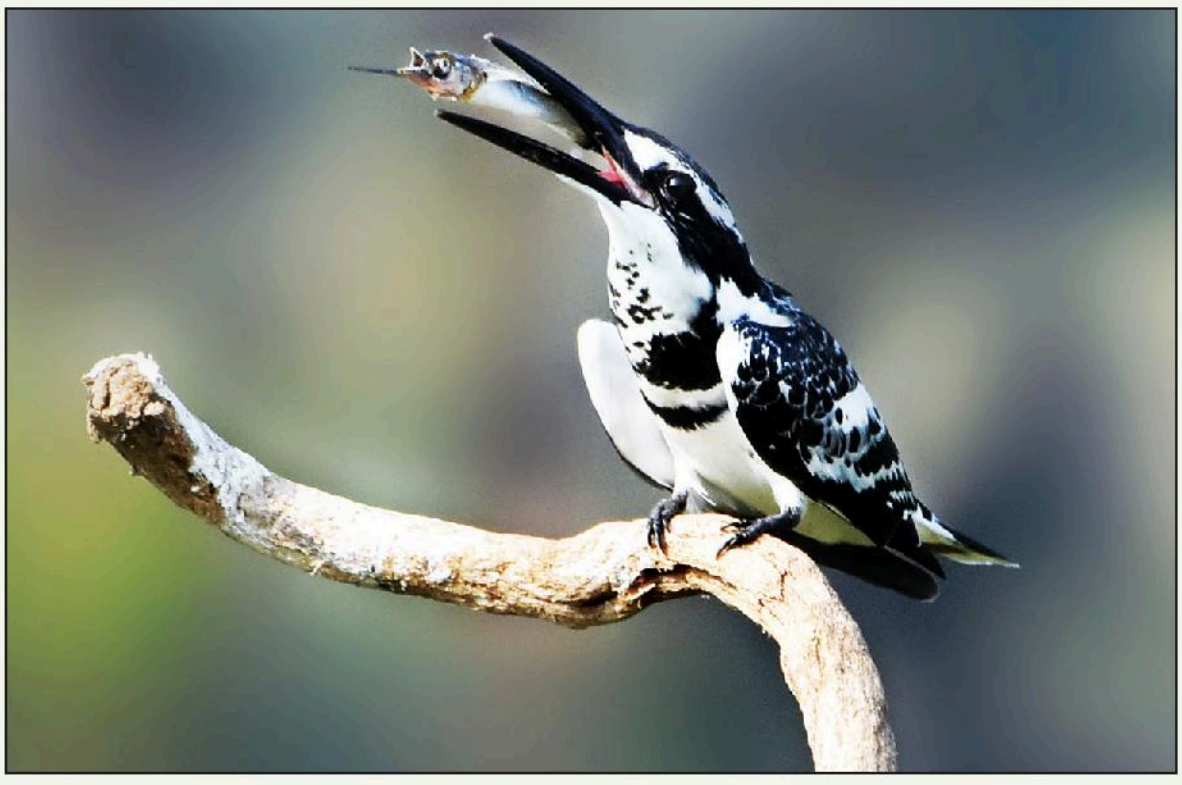

The Pied Kingfisher - Ceryle rudis, as it is called in Ornithology, is a Real King of all the Kingfishers. As the name suggests, Kingfishers are masters at hunting fish. There are in all about 90 species of Kingfishers, out of which 12 are found in India and 8 are found in South India and in Karnataka; The Pied Kingfisher is the only Kingfisher with only black-white colours. Though both male and female look the same in colour and features, there is a distinct difference between the sexes — the male having a double breast-band of black colour, the female with one single black breast-band broken and open at the centre. The bird in the image is a male, his double black breast-band can be seen.

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A Meaningful Tribute to a Great Guru

By Vijayamala K. Saralaya

Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar and Vidu. C.V. Shruthi presenting a violin duet as part of 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama-2020,' a online music concert series organised by Ganabharathi on Jan. 3. They are accompanied by Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata.

The ninth concert under the online music programme 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama-2020' of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust was a violin duet, premièred on 3rd January on the YouTube channel of the Sabha.

The concert was presented by **Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar** and **Vidu. C.V. Shruthi,** which was dedicated to M.S. Gopalakrishnan, popularly known as 'MSG', the torch bearer of Parur Bani and a violin maestro, on the occasion of his seventh death anniversary.

Prithvi and Shruthi are upcoming artistes of Mysuru, groomed by Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, a popular violinist and a senior disciple of MSG. Having enriched their experiences by accompanying many senior as well as upcoming artistes on several reputed platforms and being talented vocalists themselves, the duo has gained admiration of music lovers.

They started their concert with a composition of Thiruvottiyur Thyagayyar, 'Saami Dayajoodaraa' (Kedaragowla - Adi) and then made a neat presentation of a small composition of Thyagaraja, 'Eesha Paahimaam' (Kalyani - Rupaka). The next item selected was one of MSG's favourites, 'Manavyaalakim' (Nalinakanthi - Adi).

While Shruthi unfurled Kalyani raga gracefully, Nalinakanthi blossomed elegantly in the hands of Prithvi. Ornamenting both the kritis with splendid kalpanaswaras, they took up Thyagaraja's 'Kaddunuvariki' (Thodi - Adi) for the next presentation. This kriti in vilambagathi, journeyed exquisitely well in all aspects with their accomplished manodharma.

The concert concluded with two Tamil compositions 'Anbirundal Aduve Podume' (Sindubhairavi - Adi by Swarna Venkateswara Dikshithar) and 'Neraimadi' (Hamsanandi - Adi, Thiruppugazh), which were cherished items of MSG.

While the mastery in the bowing technique of MSG school was vibrantly evident throughout the concert, the attractive display of skills on mridanga and ghata by young percussion talents, **Vid. Nandan Kashyap** and **Vid. Shamith S. Gowda** complimented the concert ably.

The concert was indeed a befitting tribute to the visionary maestro and eminent teacher MSG, by devoted budding violinists of the same bani, groomed by an ardent disciple of MSG.

10th Concert

The tenth concert under the series, a vocal duet by **Vidu. Vipanchee Raghuram** and **Vidu. Mahatee Raghuram** was premièred on 9th January. The siblings hail from a family of musicians and are the granddaughters of popular flautist Vid. V. Deshikachar and disciples of senior musician Vidu. Dr. R.N. Sreelatha.

The concert began with Muthuswami Dikshitar's 'Parameshwara Pahimam' (Nata - Adi). Vipanchee then presented an enthralling alapana of raga Ranjani, which was followed by Thyagaraja's 'Durmargachara' set to Rupakatala, elegantly with kalpanaswaras, rendered by both of them.

A brisk presentation of Muthuswami Dikshitar's 'Ramachandram Bhavayami' (Vasantha - Rupaka) with rare chitteswaras came next. Thyagaraja's slow paced kriti, 'Upacharamulanu' (Bhairavi - Adi) was the main item selected for the day.

Elaborate ragalapana, neraval at 'Kapata Nataka Sutradhari vai' and artistic portraying of kalpanaswaras demonstrating the matured manodharma were the highlights of this rendition within the compact frame-work of Bhairavi.

Vid. Keshav Mohankumar also exhibited similar maturity on violin. The concert concluded with a javali of Tanjavur Chinnayya, 'Nenetlu Sahinthune' (Faraz - Adi). **Vid. Pavan Madhav Masur** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith S. Gowda** on ghata contributed to the success of the concert with able as well as supportive following and attractive thani, which complimented the manodharma of the singers.

Vidu. Vipanchee Raghuram and Vidu. Mahatee Raghuram presenting a vocal duet — tenth concert under the online music concert series of Ganabharathi — on Jan. 9. They are accompanied by Vid. Pavan Madhav Masur on mridanga, Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata and Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin.

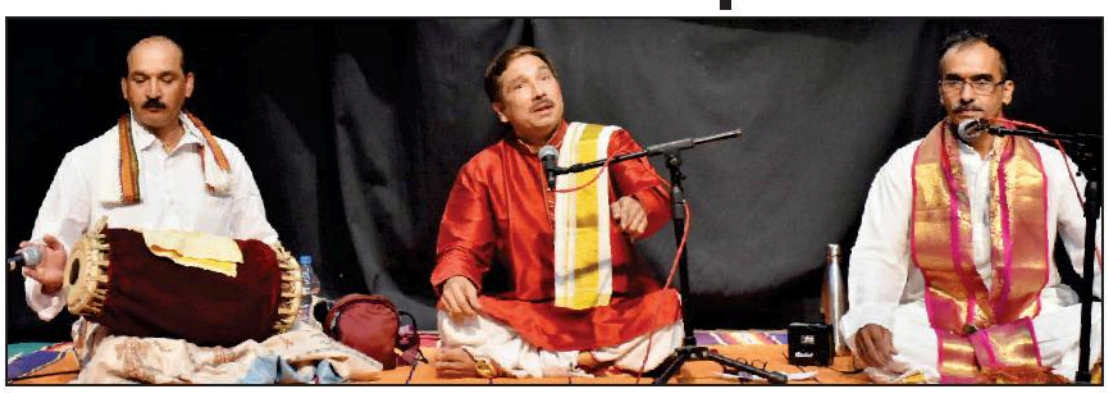
M. J. Sreenivasa Iyengar Memorial Veena Concert

Vidu. Revathi Murthy *Vid. Cheluvaraju* *Vid. Gurumurthy*

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Ganabharathi is organising Vid. M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar Memorial Concert on Feb. 19 at 6 pm.

Vidu. Revathi Murthy will present a veena recital. She will be accompanied by **Vid. C. Cheluvaraju** on mridanga and **Vid. N. Gurumurthy** on ghata. [Mob: 99000-82773]

Solo *Tala-Maddale* presented



Divakara Hegde of Siddapur, Uttara Kannada, presenting Solo Tala-Maddale 'Prakshubdha Radheya' at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Feb. 14, under the aegis of Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru. He is accompanied by Parameshwara Hegde of Inabailu (Shettikoppa, Siddapur) - Bhagavata and Manjunatha of Gudde Dimba (Sagara, Shivamogga) - Maddale support.

WORD OF THE DAY

Quisling

Pronunciation: KWIZ-ling.
Meaning: One who commits treason : traitor, collaborator.
Origin: Vidkun Quisling was a Norwegian army officer who in 1933 founded Norway's fascist party. In December 1939, he met with Adolf Hitler and urged him to occupy Norway. Following the German invasion of April 1940, Quisling served as a figurehead in the puppet government set up by the German occupation forces, and his linguistic fate was sealed. Before the end of 1940, quisling was being used generically in English to refer to any traitor. Winston Churchill, George Orwell, and H. G. Wells used it in their wartime writings. Quisling lived to see his name thus immortalized, but not much longer. He was executed for treason soon after the liberation of Norway in 1945.
Example: "Not only do they confound the escape of the prisoner with the flight of the deserter; but they would seem to prefer the acquiescence of the 'quisling' to the resistance of the patriot." — J. R. R. Tolkien

THE ODD WORD

Quaeritur

The question is asked.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Quick and dirty

Meaning: The phrase quick and dirty means doing something fast, but the overall result may not be the best quality since it was done so quickly.
Origin: The earliest one could find the saying quick and dirty in print is near the end of the 19th century. For example, in The Riverine Herald newspaper, Septemeber 1897: "'I'm what they would call a dirty cook.' The witness was very grave, but the court roared. 'Oh! I see,' said Mr. O'dwyer, 'you are 'quick and dirty.' Another example, this one coming four years earlier and also from The Riverine Herald newspaper, July 1893: "Now then, Bill, cuss yer, sling that ere tar about, quick and dirty, and don't let the flies got on yer,' and so on."
This expression is often used in connection with things that are fixed quickly. The implication seems to be that because the fix was done in a hurry, it probably wasn't done particularly well, thus the 'dirty' part of the phrase.

QUOTE BOX

Life seems but a quick succession of busy nothings. **—Jane Austen**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

AWAKE

Answer :Wide Awake.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Not so much
5 Horny casing of horses foot
9 Daddy
12 Dull pain
13 Scarlett's home
14 Put to work
15 Is a trait of
18 Country bumpkin
19 A flat piece of rock or cake
20 Thai river
22 40-all in tennis
26 Staying power
30 Diagnostic aid (1-3)
31 In short, influenza
32 Type of giraffe
34 Grad. Rec. Exam.
35 Have a fit
37 Makes evident
39 Nebraska city
41 Girl's name
42 Tolkien's bad guys
45 Neither befitting nor desirable
49 Shameful
53 Airspeed Indicator
54 Roman emperor
55 Gender abbr.
56 Time To Go
57 At a distance
58 Otherwise

DOWN

1 Fine and delicate?
2 Reverberation of sound
3 Bard of Avon, abbr.
4 Ms Williams of tennis
5 Taiwanese cellphone manufacturer
6 Porridge grain
7 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
8 Fundamental unit of capacitance
9 Yellowish matter
10 Sugar suffix
11 Footlike organ
16 Texas shrine
17 Wild goat
21 Victory goddess
23 Impulse
24 Engine-driven four-wheelers
25 Circle found on a peacock tail
26 All bridge tricks, or almost
27 Canned fish
28 Net asset value, abbr.
29 Samoan Port
31 From or back, as in "to and ___ "?
33 Great Asian river
36 Norse deity
38 Doglike
40 Sphere of action
43 Cook
44 More than one "serum"
46 Cain murdered him
47 Symbol for addition
48 The French for 'head'
49 Large mouse
50 Superlative suffix
51 Domestic hog
52 Conjunction meaning "and not"

MONDAY'S ANSWER

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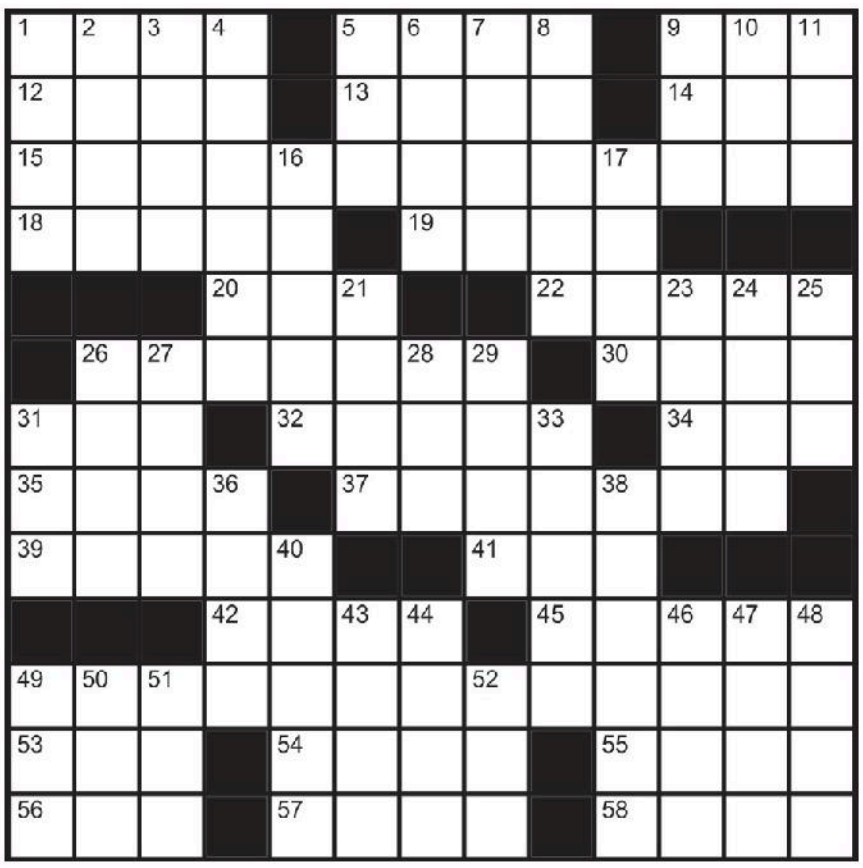

SUDOKO

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		6	8					
	5					9		
	9	3			4			6

Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	1	4	8	3	5	2	9
8	4	3	9	2	5	1	7	6
9	2	5	1	7	6	8	4	3
1	7	9	2	5	4	6	3	8
4	3	8	7	6	9	2	1	5
6	5	2	8	3	1	7	9	4
3	8	7	5	9	2	4	6	1
5	9	4	6	1	7	3	8	2
2	1	6	3	4	8	9	5	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XFYB HBFHAB PVAA JBOBD ABUDJ UJENTVJZ KBIUSXB

NTBE SJQBDXNUJQ BOBDENTVJZ NFF XFFJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS G

Monday's Cryptoquip: Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death.

Musical tribute to sitar maestro

Ustad Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan

Mysuru, Feb. 17- As a Musical Tribute to sitar maestro, *Padma Vibhushan* Ustad Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan on his birth anniversary, a sitar concert by his direct disciple Pt. Saroj Kumar Mukherjee has been organised at Mukherjee's residence, Dhanvantari Apartments, Jayalakshmipuram, on Feb. 18 at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla. [Mob: 99008-89345]

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Inspector Vikram (K) - *4 shows*
- **Balaji Theatre** **Ph: 2497199**
  Tiruvu (K) - 4 Shows
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  Shadow (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Mastram (H) - 4 Shows

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Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Kutty Story (Ta)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Uppena (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Kanasu Maratakkide (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Saajan Bakery Since 1962 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Naanum Single Thaan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Parris Jeyaraj (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Kalavida (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

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Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	2.15 pm, 6.00 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 9.00 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-3)	12.15 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Uppena (Te)	(S-1)	3.05 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.20 pm
Kutty Story (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Parris Jeyaraj (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Saajan Bakery Since 1962 (Ma)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Nimmuru (K)	(S-4)	5.15 pm

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Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Kanasu Maratakkide (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 1.50 pm, 5.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Preethi Endarenu (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Naanum Single Thaan (Ta)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Segera makes a hat-trick

Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs, former Chairman & Senior Steward, Mysore Race Club (MRC), presenting 'The Rajakumari Leelavathi Devi Memorial Trophy' to Poorna Chandra Tejaswi (P.C. Tejaswi), owner and trainer of Segera, which won the event on the 9th day of Mysore Winter Races held on Feb. 15. The winning horse was ridden by Jockey N.B. Kuldeep. Others seen are H. Kusumakar Shetty, Y.P Udaya Shanker and M.C. Mallikarjun. With this win, Segera made a hat-trick as it had earlier won 'Vidhatri Motors Cup' on the 7th day of Mysore Winter Races held on Feb. 1 and 'The P.M. Channabasavanna Memorial Trophy' on the 8th Day of Mysore Winter Races held on Feb. 8.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 17)

- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' vocal concert by Vidu. Manasa Kulkarni of Bengaluru, Vid. Anand Jamakhandhi of Haveri and Pt. Praveenacharya Hunugund of Chennai will analyse the literature, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara: **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru:** Valedictory of women's theatre training camp, staging of Belur Raghunandan's play 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' by Sanchalana women's theatre troupe [Direction: Deepak Mysore]; senior theatre artiste-actress-singer and former Rajya Sabha Member **Dr. B. Jayashree,** Archaeology Museums and Heritage Department Commissioner B.R. Poornima, 93.5 Red FM RJ Rashmi, Theatre Camp Director Deepak Mysore and Government High School Teacher H.S. Sharada will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Dr. B. Jayashree

- **Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple:** Devotional/ Sugama Sangeetha recital by M.P. Preetham and troupe, Temple auditorium, Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 18)

- **Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Mysuru City Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, noted writer **Aryamba Pattabhi** chairs, grand procession along with folk troupes from Manasagangothri entrance gate (near Kuvempu Statue), **9.30 am;** Renowned Kannada actor Mukhyamantri Chandru inaugurates, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates cultural programme, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will be present, historian Dr. N.S. Rangaraju delivers a special lecture on 'Contribution of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar,' **10.30 am;** First session - Retired Professor Dr. C. Naganna and Prasaranga Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talawar will deliver lectures, **2 pm;** Second session - GSS Founder Srihari and Maharani's PU College lecturer Dr. C. Tejowati will deliver lectures, **3 pm;** Kavigoshti, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Assistant Professor N.K. Lolakshi presides, **4 pm;** Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar will felicitate achievers from various fields including photo-journalist from Star of Mysore M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, senior journalist M.T. Yogesh Kumar and wildlife photographer S.R. Madhusudan, MLC A.H. Vishwanath presides, **5 pm;** Valedictory - Sammelana Presdent Aryambha Pattabhi delivers talk, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti delivers valedictory speech, noted singer of Ede Thumbi Haadidenu-fame Ruthvik C. Raj and team will present musical event 'Gaana - Savigaana,' Vijnana Bhavana, Manasagangothri, **6 pm.**

Aryamba Pattabhi

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- **The Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust & Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar releases the book 'Timeless Mahindra' authored by Adil Jal Darukhanawala, Wind Chimes, Nazarbad, **6 pm.**

ISL 2020-21

Hyderabad FC registers 4-0 win over Kerala

Fran Sandaza

Vasco, Feb. 17- Hyderabad FC boosted their top-four prospects in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 4-0 win over Kerala Blasters FC at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco on Tuesday.

Fran Sandaza scored Hyderabad FC's first two goals in the second half before Aridane Santana and Joao Victor netted late on.

AWARDS

Hero of the Match: Aridane Santana (Hyderabad FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Lluis Sastre (Hyderabad FC).

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE
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Today's Match (Feb. 17)

GOA Vs
ODISHA
Fatorda Stadium,
Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Feb. 18)

CHENNAIYIN Vs
NORTHEAST UNITED
GMC Stadium,
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

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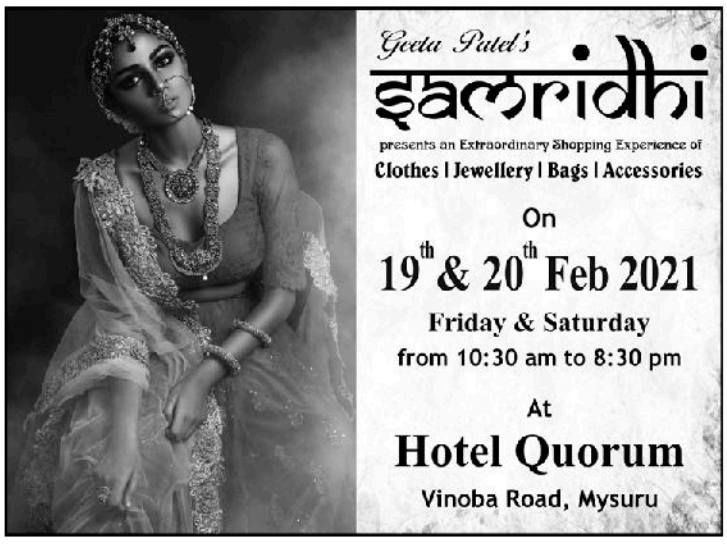
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